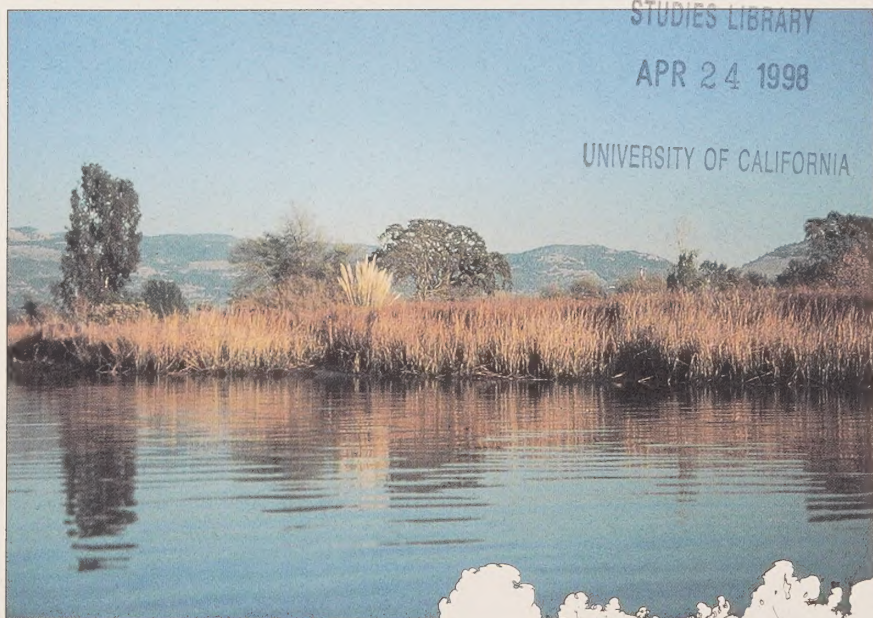


NAPA RIVER TRAIL



Imagine a trail paralleling the Napa River
from Kennedy Park to Trancas Street . . .



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Expanding opportunities for bikers,
bicyclists and equestrians to experience
the river — from historic waterfronts
to dense oak forests.



PAST AND PRESENT...

The Napa River passes through neighborhoods with distinctive qualities and character.



KENNEDY PARK

Wide open spaces, panoramic views of the valley, and tidal marshlands characterize the southern reach of the Napa River within the City.

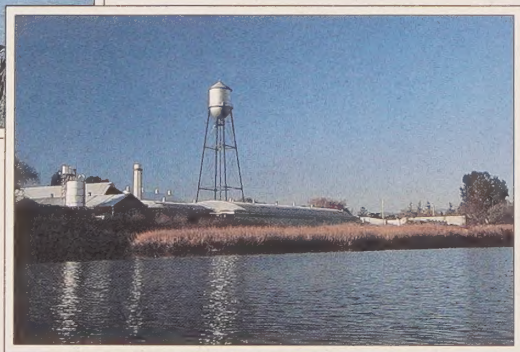
This is the largest of the city's parks, offering easy access to the river for boating, fishing, walking and jogging.



NAPA ABAJO

Heading north, up river from Kennedy Park, boat docks, waterfront industrial buildings and historic homes remind us of the river's importance in the past.

The marshes found here are significant striped bass nursery grounds and serve as important wintering grounds along the Pacific Flyway for waterfowl and shorebirds.



ALONG THE NAPA RIVER

The River Trail will provide access to these different settings while protecting neighborhood integrity.



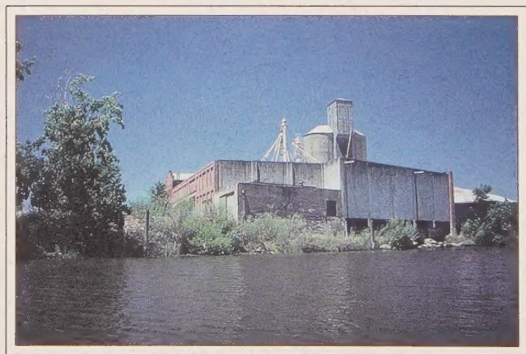
DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT

Further north, civic buildings and historic main street frame the river's edge, continuing evidence of Napa's historic relationship to the river.

In addition, the trail project envisions the restoration of native and compatible plants along the banks of the river in the downtown area.

THE WOODLANDS

As the river curves northward through the Oxbow, the pace slows and lush riparian forests reflect in the river. The dense growth of trees and shrubs along the river provides food, cover and nesting sites for a wide range of wildlife species.



REDISCOVERING THE NAPA RIVER

The Napa River Trail, being planned by the City of Napa, will provide access for fishing, boating, wildlife viewing or simply relaxing.

By connecting the city's neighborhoods, open spaces, downtown commercial center and waterfront parks, this trail will enable everyone to rediscover a heritage rich in history and natural beauty.

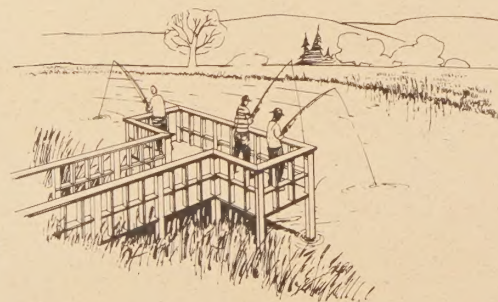


The multi-use Napa River Trail will provide a six-mile-long walking and jogging route for enjoying the fresh air and panoramic views of Napa Valley.

Observation platforms will allow all season viewing of waterfowl and shore birds.



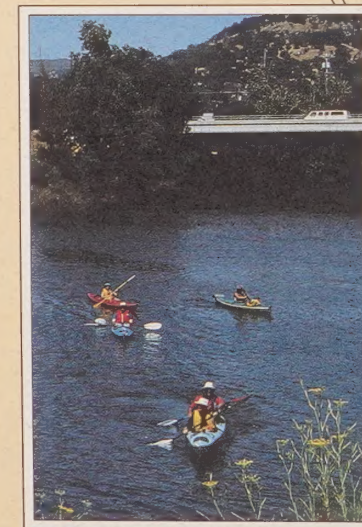
Fishing platforms will improve access to traditional angling sites along the river.



Recreation and commuter bicyclists of all ages will enjoy the convenience of the trail.

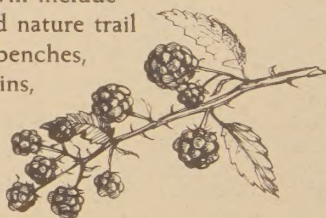


The trail will bring improved access to the downtown district and provide settings for waterfront festivals and events.



Launch sites will be built for canoes, kayaks, and row boats, with trailer parking available at staging areas.

Facilities along the trail will include staging areas, historic and nature trail markers, rest areas with benches, shade trees, water fountains, restrooms, and lighting, where appropriate.



REALIZING THE VISION

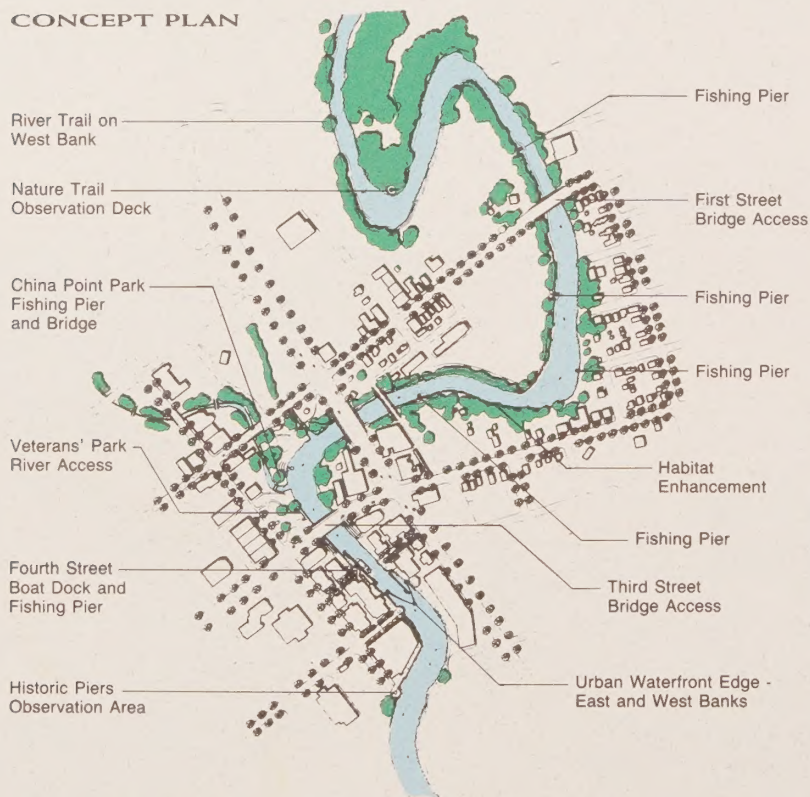
Today Downtown is the setting for a variety of recreational activities, festivals, and special events, making it an important focal point in the City of Napa. The River Trail will complement these activities by improving facilities for fishing, viewing, and boating, and by providing continuous pedestrian and bicycle access along the west bank of the river in the downtown reach.

The concept for the Napa River Trail has grown from ideas and needs expressed by the community. Starting with suggestions gathered at public workshops and meetings, the Parks and Recreation Commission developed a framework of goals and objectives which were recommended to the City Council for adoption. The National Park Service's Rivers and Trails and Conservation Assistance Program worked with the City to incorporate these goals and objectives into a conceptual plan for the river trail.

NAPA URBAN WATERFRONT RESTORATION PLAN

In a related planning effort, the City of Napa focused on the Downtown area to identify a wide range of public access and habitat improvements to be undertaken in cooperation with the private sector. The highlights of the Napa Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan are shown below.

CONCEPT PLAN



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